

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

(A letter from the President of the Provisional government of France to the Duke of Wellington).

A letter from Fouché, president of the provisional government, to the Duke of Wellington, was laid before the French legislature on the 23rd of June, 1815. It does not appear by the letter that the existing government is disposed to make any strenuous opposition to the restoration of the Bourbons. All that seems to be contended for is that the monarch shall receive the constitution from the nation, instead of claiming the sceptre as a right, and that the monarch should govern under the empire of the laws; and they soon determined to avoid both the excesses of liberty and the excesses of power, which have proved so fatal. It is true that they have in one act declared Napoleon II. Emperor, but their subsequent proceedings have been had with very little reference to him; they do not even name the existing executive government a REGENCY, nor have they named Napoleon II. in the new constitution.

WHERE IS NAPOLEON.

(From London papers of July 11th, 1815).

But where is Napoleon all this while? He hopes to escape during all this confusion. On the 15th of June he applied to the provisional government for two frigates, which were granted him, and he solicited passports to America from the Duke of Wellington. No passports were granted him. Six carriages and six heavy laden, were sent off to Rochefort. His suite went in them while he actually proceeded in the common diligence from Paris to Rochefort. It is given out that he embarked there on board the frigates. We shall not be surprised to find that instead of embarking there he has proceeded to some other port, or perhaps that he is still with his army behind the Loire.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

STREET EXTENSIONS.

The vexed question of the extension of West and John streets was finally settled last evening by the common council, that body ordering that John street be extended to West, and West to Washington avenue, the extension to be opened to the public by the 25th of August.

MORE LIGHT.

The council ordered, at its session last evening, that hereafter the lamps be kept burning until 2 a. m., and also that on cloudy evenings the watchman be instructed to light up whether the almanac says "moonshine" or not. Bravo!

After an inactive career for the last two or three years in our nation's history, Bridgeport, like many other localities for which nature has provided boundlessly, is taking a leap ahead. To enumerate a few of the many enterprises which are in process of consummation:

On the corner of Main and Cannon streets, adjoining the Sterling block, a new block is being erected to contain three stories with iron fronts, the block being three stories in height, the upper stories to be used as warehouses of the Sterling Furniture Manufacturing Company. The block occupies ground heretofore devoted to the purpose of a private residence.

On the corner of Main and Beaver streets, Nathaniel Wheeler, Esq., is breaking ground for a magnificent block, to extend through from Main to Middle street, to comprise seven stories, and overhead to have a hall which will contain in size and elegant appointments anything of the kind in Connecticut.

On the corner of Courtland and John streets, Messrs. Benham Brothers are about erecting a block of dwellings, four stories high, including basement, with French roof, and entirely new style of architecture for our city.

On Golden Hill street, the St. James (R. C.) parish are erecting a church edifice of stone, which will be the largest Roman Catholic church in the state. The cost of the building will be about \$175,000.

In East Bridgeport, on the corner of East Main street and East Washington avenue, a large brass foundry is being erected. When completed it will employ about 300 hands.

Further east, on Washington avenue, a silk company have broken ground for an extensive silk factory.

A large hoop skirt manufactory is also being erected in East Bridgeport.

It is also said that Mr. Ames, of Falls Village, will shortly erect and set in operation extensive iron works in our city.

A new police station and steam fire engine house, in East Bridgeport, is nearly completed, which will make a fine looking building, the material being brick, two stories in height.

The Crossley Carpet Mills have changed hands and are to be carried on by a new company who are going to manufacture silk ribbons.

The horse railroad is to be in running order by the first of November.

Washington park is shortly to be laid out in handsome style and will be useful as well as ornamental to that part of the city.

Seaside park is also to be one of our institutions. The city has voted \$10,000 to be expended improving it and as much more will be raised by subscription, the land to be given to the city, so the money raised will all be devoted to improvements. This park will contain some 35 or 40 acres and will be a unique thing—a glorious place for a drive, and one of the "lions" of the town, which we shall feel a pride in showing to strangers who pay us a visit.

Many elegant private residences are about erected, but we cannot particularize.

These are some of the improvements already under way in Bridgeport. Stand back! Hartford, New Haven, and all ye rural districts! Bridgeport is bound to be the Metropolis of Connecticut.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

THE LATE FATHER HUGHES

(Special to The Farmer)
Hartford, Aug. 10, 1895.—Probably 4,000 persons were crowded into St. Patrick's church this morning at the

solemn funeral service of the late Rev. James Hughes, V. D. The church was heavily draped in black broadcloth, both inside and on the exterior. The body lay in a solid oak casket on a catafalque in front of the altar.

At 10:15 the office of the dead was chanted and at its conclusion the solemn requiem high mass was sung. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Heaven, bishop of the diocese of Springfield. The body was interred in Mt. St. Benedict cemetery, the bearers being Revs. Patrick Duggan of Torrington, William Dillard, of Guilford; Patrick Mulholland, James McKee and John Corcoran of New Haven; James O'Brien of Bridgeport; Bernard Rodden of Bristol and Patrick Keane of Waterbury.

Among those who attended the funeral services were ex-Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley, Mayor Brainard and members of the city government.

Joseph A. McCullough was yesterday appointed sub-letter carrier to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward F. Nevins, who was recently appointed. The name of Mr. McCullough stood at the head of the list of those who have passed the civil service examination. He entered upon his duties today. Mr. Nevins had accepted a position at the cart-ridge shop.

SATURDAY'S BALL GAMES.

The Victors made a change in their lineup Saturday. Blansfield took Belinski's place at third, Ivers went to first and Belinski to right field. The result was that the Victors played one of the fastest games seen hereabouts in some time. Blansfield's fielding was of the "phenom" order, some of his stops being simply marvelous. Herbert continued his good stick work, making his usual homer. Ivers covered first base in good shape and rapped out two singles. He relieved O'Rourke as catcher in the sixth and performed brilliantly behind the bat. Cunningham used the willow to good effect.

Foster pitched with rare judgment and had the Anstasians standing on their heads. Balow Connolly played a fine game at short for the visitors, but he was not able to do anything with Foster's pitching. The score was 11 to 2 in favor of the Victors.

BRIDGEPORT SCHUTZEN VEREIN.

The arrangements for the prize shoot of the Schutzen Verein are progressing finely. At a meeting of the general committee, William Lieberum was elected chairman, Louis Schneider secretary, and Charles Rohrbach treasurer. The shoot will be held Sept. 2 and 3 at the range north of Old Mill Green.

The general committee is composed of G. Ute, P. Bartel, A. Schaaf, L. Schneider, William Lieberum, J. Saar, J. Greenwood, J. Wilkinson, A. Wheeler, Charles Rohrbach, Sr., R. Weber, F. J. Freyler, John Beers, R. L. Neithard, J. Schardt, R. Barton and P. G. Breckbill.

Sharpshooters of note and shooting societies of the state have been invited to attend. All targets are open to all comers. Any kind of rifle allowed.

HERE WAS A FREAK.

At about 8 o'clock this morning, when the tide was running out of the harbor, near the lower bridge, suddenly the current ceased and the water commenced running in and continued until the water had risen about three inches. Then it commenced running out again and continued until the water had fallen about three inches. As this strange freak occurred in the center of the channel when the current was swollen by rains it seems remarkable.

Manufacturers Say They Appreciate New Post Office System

Postmaster C. F. Greene has received a number of letters of thanks and appreciation from large manufacturing firms in the city who have found that the new c. o. d. and insurance tag system and the firm registration book is a big improvement over the old three tag system and greatly facilitates the keeping of records. The books and tags are sent directly to the firms that make them out and they need them. The books serve as a record.

New England Building Co. Ordered Dissolved

An order dissolving the New England Building Co. of this city as a corporation has been issued by Judge Williams of the superior court. A formal order for the discharge of Judge Frank L. Wilder as receiver was also issued. This company had extensive building operations in the North End but got into financial difficulties some time ago and a receiver was appointed upon application of Annibale Russo and others of this city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

County Health Officer George E. Hill and Mrs. Hill have returned from a visit to the Pacific Coast.

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NEW HAVEN ROAD GAINS \$2,039,309

Accomplished in Year Ending June 30, Despite Decrease in Gross Revenue.

Connecticut Co. Reports Earnings of \$1,323,457 as Against \$1,501,072.

New Haven road gross earnings in June amounted to \$6,327,988, an increase of \$482,620. This gross included \$2,524,114 not theretofore included in monthly statements of passenger earnings, while waiting for the decision of the New York court of appeals as to certain commutation and other passenger rates, in and out of New York city. The decline favored the company and the June earnings were swelled by reason of a ruling of the commerce commission. Otherwise gross in June would have exceeded the 1914 figure by \$155,000.

June operating expenses decreased \$1,070,000 owing partly to net credits to expenses of \$742,299 for adjustments made under the regulations of the interstate commerce commission. Without these adjustments operating expenses would have decreased only \$328,000 from those of June, 1914.

Despite the increase in gross and the decrease in operating expenses, net corporate income for June was only \$760,717, a decrease of \$805,849 from the June, 1914, figure. This change was in large part due to the \$1,106,000 decrease in dividend received from the Connecticut company.

The net corporate income for the year amounted to \$2,307,971, an increase of \$2,039,309. This income exceeded 1½ per cent. on the company's outstanding capital stock.

The feature of the year's operation was the large decrease in ratio of expenses to gross as well as the decrease in income from outside properties. The decreased income is explained by the company as follows:

"Due to smaller dividend from the Connecticut Co. and decreased interest received from the New England Investment and Security Co. and Eastern Steamship Corp., also exclusion of year of interest on securities of subsidiary companies not earned by those companies."

The statements of the several separately operated companies in which the New Haven road has an interest are as follows:

Central New England Railway.—Gross income for June, \$119,802.50; for June, 1914, deficit of \$4,285.90; net corporate income for June, 1915, \$33,405.55; for June, 1914, deficit of \$128,107.01; gross income for year 1915, \$1,411,153.14; for 1914, \$1,190,488.82; net corporate income, \$409,283.82 against \$20,093.92.

New York, Ontario & Western Railroad Co.—Gross income for June, 1915, \$206,491.85; for June, 1914, \$229,153.09; net corporate income, 1915, \$63,134.16; for 1914, \$88,233.23; gross income for 1915, \$2,332,845.36; for 1914, \$2,342,193.26; net corporate income, 1915, \$612,506.09; for 1914, \$653,692.06.

The New England Steamship Co.—Gross income for June, \$145,782.31; for June, 1914, \$207,893.33; net corporate income, 1915, \$71,278.14; for June, 1914, \$140,198.85; gross income for year 1915, \$849,824.16; for 1914, \$741,624.43; net corporate income, \$30,822.65, and 1915, deficit, \$77,802.62.

The Hartford and New York Transportation Co.—Gross income for June, \$48,715.68; for June, 1914, \$36,884.28; net corporate income, \$40,401.60, and \$28,410.40; gross income for 1915, \$187,758.13; for 1914, \$185,122.98; net corporate income, 1915, \$68,942.15; for 1914, \$85,965.42.

New Bedford, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamboat Co.—Net corporate income for June, 1915, \$4,401.76; for June, 1914, \$5,588.63; for 1915, \$38,410.76; for 1914, \$62,708.25.

The Connecticut Co.—Gross income for June, 1915, \$247,274.16; for June, 1914, \$245,857.25; net corporate income, 1915, \$148,963.97; for 1914, \$252,399.24; gross income for 1915, \$2,509,441.48; for 1914, \$2,578,532.95; net corporate income, 1915, \$1,323,457.03, and 1914, \$1,501,072.42.

The Rhode Island Co.—Final figures not yet available.

Berkshire Street Railway System.—Gross income for June 1915, deficit of \$5,795.99; for June, 1914, \$12,568.57; net corporate income, 1915, \$95,145.45, and deficit, \$4,041.45; gross income for 1915, \$88,430.07; for 1914, \$130,238.52; net corporate income, deficit, \$90.24; and deficit of \$72,607.17.

New York and Stamford Railway Co.—Gross income for June, \$13,703.49; for June, 1914, \$26,006.08; net corporate income, 1915, \$27,703.38; for June, 1914, \$18,042.06; gross income for 1915, \$137,009.19; for 1914, \$87,404.98; net corporate income 1915, deficit of \$42.96; and 1914, deficit of \$5,824.17.

The Westchester Street Railroad Co.—Gross income for June, 1915, \$74,911; for June, 1914, \$22,334.65; net corporate income, \$17,146.88, and \$21,647.78; gross income for 1915, deficit, \$1,237.28; for 1914, \$18,738.61; net corporate income, 1915, deficit of \$8,488.12 and 1914, \$3,883.99.

The New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Co.—Figures not yet available.

Housatonic Power Co.—Gross income for June, \$38,200.37; for June, 1914, \$18,702.02; net corporate income, 1915, \$21,297.16; for 1914, deficit of \$21,505.36; gross income for 1915, \$465,469.32; for 1914, \$398,667.07; net corporate income, 1915, deficit of \$310.55, and 1914, \$78,506.49.

The Westport Water Co.—Gross income for June, \$1,390.01; for June, 1914, deficit of \$283.50; net corporate income, 1915, \$575.42; for 1914, deficit of \$1,098.09; gross income for 1915, \$12,568.15; for 1914, \$11,379.64; net corporate income, 1915, \$5,091.15; for 1914, \$1,664.78.

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U. S. SENDS LAST REPLY TO BERLIN ON FRYE DISPUTE

Washington, Aug. 11.—Administration officials today were hopeful that the American reply to the last German note regarding the sinking of the American ship William F. Frye, dispatched to Berlin last night, would result in a settlement of the dispute growing out of the incident. The communication probably will be given out for publication Saturday.

The United States, it is said, agrees to accept payment for the Frye as proposed by Germany, the amount to be fixed by a German-American commission, although it reiterates that destruction of the vessel was in contravention of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828. Acceptance of the commission method makes an appeal to arbitration at The Hague unnecessary.

Germany stipulated that payment was not to be regarded as admission that American treaty rights had been violated, and the United States, it is understood, accepts without waiving what it holds to be treaty rights.

The United States claims that article 13 of the treaty in question specifically protected the Frye from being sunk, although not protecting a contraband cargo. Germany, however, contends that the treaty only obligates her to pay damages. The American note, it is said, rejects this contention.

MILLIONAIRE IS DEPORTED.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The permanent court martial of Versailles has sentenced Henri Racine, a millionaire perfume distiller of Mentone, to perpetual deportation and payment of costs of the proceeding for supplying Essence of Neroli and five hundred tons of olive oil through a Lausanne firm to a perfumer of Cologne.

Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, accompanied by George C. Carothers, agent at the State department, and Gen. Villa conferred in the custom house at Juarez, Mex.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS PUBLISHED BY PROFESSORS

Berne, Aug. 11.—The Tagwacht prints the text of a manifesto issued by a group of German professors and intellectuals, setting forth their ideas of the only acceptable peace terms. These, according to the manifesto, must insure the free expansion of German culture, industry and commerce. Belgium, for military and commercial purposes, must be subject to Germany. France must cede to Germany all territory north of a line from Belfort to the mouth of the river Somme and pay a large indemnity.

Russia must cede Poland and the greater part of the Baltic provinces and other territory in lieu of indemnity which she could not pay. The manifesto is signed by Professors Meinkne, Seeburg and Schaefer of Berlin University, Oncken of Heidelberg, Schumacher of Reichenau, Director Kirdolin, of the Gelsenkirchen Mines, and Perus Minister of Schwerin, mayor of Frankfort-on-the-Oder.

Exams. For Six Jobs In U. S. Service To Be Held Next Month

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations:

Gardener, (male), September 8; scientific assistant in poultry husbandry, (male), September 8; assistant in forest entomology, (male), September 8; assistant in poisonous plant investigations, (male), September 8; marine engine and boiler draftsman, (male), September 14.

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